

HOUSE BILL 2000
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AN ACT urging the Comptroller of the Treasury to conduct a study on the financing and construction of public buildings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee comptroller of the treasury is hereby directed to conduct a study on the financing and construction of jails in the state and to report its findings to the general assembly by January 1, 2006. The topics of the study shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) The current legal framework for financing jail construction in Tennessee;
- (2) The current legal framework for the construction of jails in Tennessee, including the hiring of architects, engineers, construction managers, and contractors, the purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment;
- (3) Current practices in Tennessee and in other states with regard to the financing and construction of jails, including needs assessment, determination of appropriate debt load, site selection, design process, and construction process, including models of conflict and inefficiency and models of best practice;
- (4) Availability of technical assistance and other resources to assist local legislative bodies with regard to jail construction and financing; and
- (5) Considerations for third party authority such as a public building authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.